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**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, and School Leaders  
**FROM:** Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Student Assessment  
**DATE:** September 22, 2017  
**RE:** Indiana Educators Needed for ILEARN Development: Survey Closing Soon

As communicated earlier this month, the Office of Student Assessment welcomes Indiana educators to express interest in assisting with the early development of the new ILEARN assessment. Educator involvement in the test development process is critical to ensuring the reliability and validity of Indiana's assessments. Indiana educators will be needed to assist with many components of the ILEARN test development, such as (but not limited to):

- Test blueprint development: defining the priority of assessable standards and associated reporting categories
- Item specification development: defining key features of assessable standards for item writers and cognitive complexity to ensure alignment between standards and assessment items
- Item reviews (including item stimuli) for content and bias/sensitivity issues: reviewing items from the licensed bank and new development to ensure alignment to Indiana Academic standards
- Scoring of open-ended items: scoring items given to Indiana students during the test administration window

**This is a reminder that [this survey](#) will close next Friday, September 29.** Please share this message with any educators in your school or corporation who may be interested in participating in the test blueprint development and item specifications meetings, scheduled for this fall. Once educator surveys receive administrator approval, educators then become eligible to participate in assessment committees.

Educator involvement is essential in making ILEARN the best possible assessment for all students. We ask that you distribute this memo to educators and key stakeholders in your school or corporation, as appropriate, and know that we appreciate your partnership in this endeavor.

Please contact the Office of Student Assessment with any questions  
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